



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 26/09/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week here at Sully Primary School, filled with many memorable activities. Year 5 enjoyed an afternoon exploring the local coastline, supported by our wonderful parent volunteers. A huge thank you to those who generously gave their time to make this experience possible.

Please find below some important updates and upcoming events:

INSET Days for the Academic Year 2025-2026

To assist with your planning, here are the confirmed INSET days:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Friday 3rd October 2025
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Monday 23rd February 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

We hope that having these dates in advance will help you arrange holidays and breaks around school closure days.

Parent Evening Consultation Bookings

Bookings for parent evening consultations will open soon. These sessions will take place on:

- Tuesday 14th October 2025
- Thursday 16th October 2025

Further details on how to book online will be shared shortly.

Harvest Assembly

Our annual Harvest Assembly is scheduled for 13th October 2025. This year, we will be collecting on Friday 10th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

PTA Sponsored Obstacle Course

Last Friday, the PTA organised a sponsored obstacle course for the children, raising a total of £2,178.00. We are incredibly grateful for your donations and ongoing support. The PTA works tirelessly on behalf of our school community, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to them and to all of you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Andrea Waddington & Staff

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in red

02/10/25 – St Richard Gwyn Y6 Open Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

03/10/25 – INSET DAY

07/10/25 – Stanwell Y6 Open Evening – 3pm – 6pm

09/10/25 – School Photos – Full school uniform to be worn

09/10/25 – St Cyres Y6 Open Evening – 6pm – 8pm

10/10/25 – Food bank donations

14th & 16th October – Parent' Evening

06/11/25 – NHS - Flu nasal spray – Please complete consent form before this date, no consent form/no spray.

Details of all trips will be communicated through our new MIS system called ARBOR.

Message from the PTA:

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our sponsored event last week, we raised an incredible £2178!!!

The children loved taking part and wore their medals proudly.



**Our attendance this week has been 93.04%
which is below our target of 95.1%**

Sully Primary School will now be using the ARBOR MIS System for all messaging, clubs, trips and attendance. Parent Pay will still be used for school lunches.

If not already done so, to set up your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to <https://sully-primary-school.cymru.arbor.education/> clicking on '**Forgotten Password?**' and following the instructions on screen.

Your username is your email address.

If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions, please contact Sully Primary 02920 530377.

Reporting your child's absence:

You can now report your child's absence via our new MIS system called ARBOR.

Once logged on, click on the orange box 'Quick Actions' then click attendance and then click the green box (on top right) 'Log absence' or alternatively you can email us on office@sullyschool.co.uk or telephone: 02920 530377

Parent's Evenings – 14th & 16th October 2025

Parent's Evening appointments will be available to book online on ARBOR from the 7th of October.

Please contact the school office if you would like help with any school uniform.

Highlights of the week...

Nursery went on an autumn adventure around the school grounds.

They discovered colourful leaves, shiny conkers and other natural treasures, then used their findings to create wonderful self-portraits.





Reception have loved the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. They have sequenced the story, acted it out and found out how wheat becomes flour. The Little Red Hen sent us some flour to make our own bread. The children weighed, mixed, stirred and kneaded the dough. They then enjoyed eating their bread in the sunshine. We definitely have some star bakers!



In Year 1 Sunny the Meerkat visited our class to tell us about his life and what he'd been getting up to this week here in Wales.



Sunny's Week in Wales



Year 1-2 have enjoyed writing about Sunny's adventures in Cardiff.



Year 2 had a great time exploring nature! We looked all around the school and spotted things that are living, non-living, and once-living 🌲 🍃 ⚽



Year 2/3 and Year 3 have had a fun filled week in class. In PE, pupils enjoyed using the apparatus to travel and land in different ways. As part of nature-based learning, pupils were also introduced to the water cycle and worked together to recreate their own water cycle diagram using different materials.



Year 4 had a wonderful visit to the Roman museum in Caerleon. We tried on armour and marched like soldiers. We even learnt some battle moves and charged at the 'enemy' with swords. We explored a barrack room and learnt about the everyday life of a Roman soldier. We found out about the different activities that took place throughout the day in the amphitheatre. We visited the swimming pool and bath house too. We were amazed at the primary sources we saw at the museum such as gemstones found in the baths, jewellery, keys and even a skeleton!



Year 5 had a fantastic first visit to the beach this week. They took part in a range of activities linked to our inquiry. We built shelters; made pebble art; went on a scavenger hunt and helped remove litter from the beach. We look forward to our next visit soon!



Year 6 enjoyed taking part in the Bullies Out workshop. We learnt about how to recognise bullying behaviours and strategies to support those experiencing bullying 📄📄



DRAMA SINGING DANCE

JIGSAW CARDIFF & PENARTH

CARDIFF

Saturday AM, 3-18 years
Cardiff High School, Ulandennis Road
Cyncoed, Cardiff, CF23 6WG

Saturday PM, 3-18 years
Howell's School, Ulandennis Road
Cardiff Road, Cardiff, CF5 2YD

PENARTH

Saturday AM, 3-18 years
St Cyren School, Sully Road
Penarth, CF64 2XP

Sunday AM, 3-6 years
Belle Vue Community Centre
Penarth, CF64 1DA



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WESTBOURNE
SCHOOL
2 - 18 YEARS

YOUR KIND
OF
brilliance
BELONGS HERE

Sparking Brilliance Open Morning

Sat 11th Oct | 9.30am - 12.30pm



Open to all **parents & curious learners aged 2-18.**

A morning of innovation and creativity. STEM experiments, coding, business challenges, Forest School, Stay & Play.

SCAN TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE



**MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT
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We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time everyday.
- Do not book holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your contact details.
- If your child cannot attend school, parents **MUST** contact the school on the morning of the absence

Did you know.....

- Your child's school expect them to attend everyday.
- That an attendance of 90% is 127 hours of lost learning.
- Attendance below 90% could result in a referral to the inclusion service, a fixed penalty notice or an Education Supervision Order.

Vale Of Glamorgan Inclusion Service Newsletter, September 2025.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go to school for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school, on time, increases learning and social opportunities.

Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)

An FPN can be issued for 10 unauthorised sessions per term. This is the equivalent to 5 school days. Schools can now request an FPN for holidays taken during term time

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school, celebrate their successes and listen to their worries.

If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact school first so that staff can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Please scan the QR code for further information



Unauthorised absences.

Unauthorised absences are codes... O, U and G.

There are **175 days** non school days in a year. Please try and book medical appointments in those days or outside of school hours

Please ensure your child arrives on time to start school!

Vale of Glamorgan – The Inclusion Service - September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the first term of the new academic year. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer holiday, and the children are refreshed and looking forward to a new year of learning.

We will be sending you termly newsletters via your school communication system to update you with attendance reminders, support that you can access and any updates you need to be aware of.

The Welsh Government have been clear that any child who has attendance below 90% is persistently absent from school. This means that any child with attendance below 90% in July will have missed a minimum of 19 school days.

Regular school attendance is vital to ensure your child does not miss out on lessons, support and social activities held within the school day. Missing school can also impact your child's future earnings. Data has shown that persistently absent pupils in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance. For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of £750 in future lifetime earnings.

This year, in line with other Local Authorities in Wales, any unauthorised holiday taken in term time could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of a £60 fine per child per parent. We support schools not authorising holidays due to the impact of lost learning and the opportunity to enjoy family days in school holidays.

We have launched our new parent Padlet which will help parents/carers understand more about our service as well as what support is available if you need it. Lots of advice and guidance can also be found – please scan the QR code to access the Padlet.



We hope your child settles into the new school year and enjoys all the lovely opportunities our schools have to offer. Don't forget to speak to your child's teacher/head of year if you have any concerns.

Best wishes

Sully Public Open Space Improvements Consultation

The Council carried out some previous community engagement in October 2023 and following the feedback received we are now proposing to implement the following enhancements within this green space:

- Upgrade the play area near Conybeare Road
- Install natural 'play on the way' elements, a fitness trail and nature trail throughout the adjoining public open space
- Install new seating and resting areas throughout the public open space
- Introduce signage, wayfinding and interpretative information
- Enhance biodiversity within the public open space through wildflower meadows, adjusted mowing regimes, bulb planting, native tree planting and hedgerow planting.

A drop in event will be held next Monday in the Jubilee Hall between 1:30pm and 4:30pm for people to speak to officers about the project which is being funded by Section 106 planning contributions from the new Gwel Yr Ynys housing development in Sully.

Further details about the consultation and a survey for comments can be found on our website via the link below:

[Sully Open Space Improvements | Participate Vale](#)



SINGING LESSONS

Partner/ small group lessons in Sully Primary School during the school day, working towards exams and performances.

Only £10/week!

www.AscendenceTheatreArts.co.uk
AscendenceTheatreArts@gmail.com



Harp lessons from Year 2 and up:
If you would like your child to take part in harp lessons please contact Eluned on:

elunedtheharpist@btinternet.com

We also have a school harp for pupils to practice with.

BulliesOut™

Engage!
Empower!
Inspire!



Why Join?



Change Starts With You

Be the voice for kindness in your community



Have Your Say

Shape anti-bullying campaigns and raise awareness



Join a Positive Squad

Meet other young change-makers



Build Skills for Life

Gain confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills



Make a Real Impact

Create safer, happier spaces for everyone



Boost Your Future

Strengthen your CV, college, and job applications



Be the Inspiration

Show others that empathy changes lives

Who Can Join?

Young people, 11-21yrs, who are passionate about creating a kinder, more inclusive world

Interested?

1. Visit www.bulliesout.com
2. Fill in the Youth Ambassador application form

